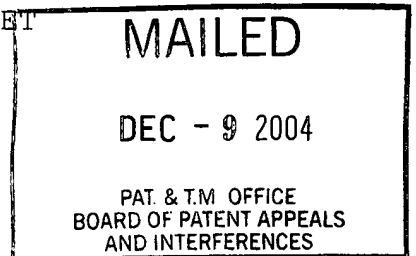


UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS
AND INTERFERENCES

Ex parte MICHEL LE HIR and ALAIN JEUSSET

Application No. 09/760,017



ORDER RETURNING UNDOCKETED APPEAL TO EXAMINER

This application was electronically received at the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on October 18, 2004. A review of the application has revealed that the application is not ready for docketing as an appeal. Accordingly, the application is herewith being returned to the examiner. The matters requiring attention prior to docketing are identified below.

On March 17, 2003, appellants filed a Notice of Appeal. A review of the file reveals that the fee was not charged for the Notice of Appeal. Before further review of this file, the above mentioned fee must be applied to the appellants' account.

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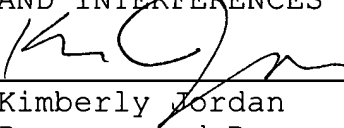
Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that this application be returned to the examiner for: 1) application of the Notice of Appeal fee; and 2) for such further action as may be appropriate.

It is important that the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences be informed promptly of any action affecting the status of this appeal (i.e., abandonment, issue, reopening prosecution).

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